

News & Notes from the National Institute of Nursing Research: June 2011

1. Dr. Grady Discusses State of U.S. Nursing Science With University of Maryland School of Nursing Alumni Magazine

NINR Director Dr. Patricia Grady recently discussed the state of nursing science in the U.S. in an article in the Fall/Winter issue of *University of Maryland Nursing*, the alumni publication of the University of Maryland School of Nursing (SON).

Dr. Grady, who received her master's degree in nursing from the School, was quoted on the impact of NINR-supported science on public health. The article examined the growth of nursing research at the School and nationwide in recent years.

"Nursing research is important because it improves the lives of people who are living with illness or at risk for illness," Dr. Grady said in the article. "That's everybody."

The article is available online at:

<http://nursing.umaryland.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/docs/publications/NursingFall2010Magazine.pdf>

2. Dr. Mary Kerr Departing NINR

NINR Deputy Director Dr. Mary E. Kerr is departing NINR to accept the position of Dean, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Kerr will also be the inaugural holder of the May L. Wykle Endowed Professorship in Nursing.

In a message to NINR staff, NINR Director Dr. Patricia Grady said, "Dr. Kerr has done an outstanding job...since arriving in February 2005. This is a wonderful opportunity for Dr. Kerr but she will be greatly missed at NINR. Her contributions, especially in the area of strategic planning, 25th Anniversary celebrations and much more, have helped us to move forward over the last six years. I am personally most grateful to her for her many contributions."

Dr. Kerr's final day at NINR will be July 15, 2011.

3. Registration Now Open for *Bringing Science to Life: A Healthier Tomorrow* – NINR's 25th Anniversary Concluding Scientific Symposium on October 13, 2011

Registration is now open for *Bringing Science to Life: A Healthier Tomorrow*, NINR's 25th Anniversary Concluding Scientific Symposium. The Symposium will be held on October 13, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. The day will include presentations, a panel discussion, and a poster session. This event is free, but registration is required.

Online registration for the Symposium is available at:

<https://meetings.ninr.nih.gov/meetings/healthiertomorrow/>.

Speakers and the agenda for the Concluding Symposium have been announced and can be found online at <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/ahealthiertomorrow>.

Announced speakers include:

Mistress of Ceremonies:

Dr. Rita Colwell

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Karen Daley

Dr. Michael Gottesman

Senator Daniel Inouye, Hawaii

Scientific Speakers:

Dr. Martha A.Q. Curley

Dr. J. Randall Curtis

Dr. Kathleen Dracup

Dr. Marjana Tomic-Canic

Please note that NINR's concluding symposium falls in between the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science's (CANS) 2011 Special Topics Conference and Poster Session and the American Academy of Nursing's (AAN) 38th Annual Meeting and Conference. Both events are also being held at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill.

The CANS Special Topics Conference, "Comparative Effectiveness and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research: The Intersection of Nursing Science and Health Care Delivery," will be held on October 12, 2011. For more information and to register, please visit the CANS web site at: www.nursingscience.org.

The AAN Annual Meeting and Conference, "Health Promotion Across the Lifespan: Focus on Evidence," will take place October 13 – 15, 2011. Please visit the Academy's web site, www.aannet.org, for more information or to register.

4. NINR to Participate in 2011 NIH Science in the Cinema Event: "Super Size Me"

This July, NINR will participate in one of the 2011 NIH Science in the Cinema events with a showing of the movie "Super Size Me." This movie explores the impact of fast food on American nutrition, health, and culture.

After the showing, Dr. Carol Pullen, a professor from the University of Nebraska School of Nursing, will discuss her NINR-supported research on the promotion of healthy lifestyle changes. Her current research involves interventions to help pre-hypertensive older rural women lose weight and lower their blood pressure.

Date and time: July 27, 2011, at 7 p.m.

Location: AFI Silver Spring Theatre and Cultural Center

8633 Colesville Road

Silver Spring, Md. 20910

Tickets are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the show.

NIH Science in the Cinema is a free summer film festival designed to promote public understanding of science, health, and medicine. All films will be shown with captions. American Sign Language interpreters and real-time captioning will also be provided for the post-film discussions. More information on this series is available at: <http://science.education.nih.gov/cinema>.

5. Dr. Yvonne Bryan Named Special Assistant to the Director

NINR is pleased to announce the appointment of Yvonne E. Bryan, Ph.D., as Special Assistant to the NINR Director. This appointment was made effective on May 23, 2011.

Dr. Bryan was appointed chief of the Office of Extramural Programs (OEP), NINR in 2008 to oversee the OEP extramural research portfolios and initiatives as well as research training programs. She joined NINR in 2001 as program director for infant, child, reproductive and family health. She completed her nursing studies at the University Hospital of the West Indies and earned her doctorate in psychology at Concordia University in Montreal.

She then completed a 3-year fellowship at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. During her fellowship, Dr. Bryan examined the mother-infant relationship by exploring the influence of maternal sensitivity and responsiveness on infant temperament and developmental outcomes. As assistant professor of child development at Purdue University, she taught both graduate and undergraduate students and spearheaded a research program in infant and early childhood development.

Dr. Jeanette Hosseini is serving as acting chief of the NINR Office of Extramural Programs.

6. Town Hall Participants Announced for NINR Summit: *The Science of Compassion: Future Directions in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*

As part of the ongoing NINR 25th Anniversary commemoration, NINR is pleased to announce a summit on *The Science of Compassion: Future Directions in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*. This three-day event will bring together scientists, researchers, health professionals, educators, policy makers, members of professional organizations, and individuals with life-limiting illnesses as well as their caregivers. It provides an opportunity for an interdisciplinary examination of end-of-life and palliative care research, practice, and policy.

Please mark your calendars for this special event to be held August 10 – 12, 2011, at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda in Bethesda, Md.

A poster session will be held in conjunction with the Summit's Evening Reception on August 11, from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

For more information on the Summit, to view the agenda, or to register online, please visit: <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/scienceofcompassion>.

The summit will begin Wednesday evening, August 10, 2011 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, Maryland from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in a special public event titled, "The Ethics of Science at the End-of-Life: A Town Hall Discussion."

With assistance from the NIH Clinical Center Department of Bioethics, this opening event will bring together leading experts in science, medicine, and bioethics to converse with the public on critical, relevant issues faced in both research and in practice as we build the evidence-base for compassionate and dignified care for those at the end-of-life. This Town Hall event will provide a unique opportunity to engage the public, provide awareness and education, and draw attention to the important and timely ethical questions surrounding end-of-life research and practice.

Confirmed Town Hall Participants:

- Ms. Susan Dentzer, Moderator
- Dr. Marie T. Hilliard, Mistress of Ceremonies
- Dr. Nancy Berlinger, Panelist
- Dr. Joseph F. Fins, Panelist
- Dr. Karla FC Holloway, Panelist

The summit will then continue at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda on August 11 – 12, with a keynote presentation by Dr. Ira Byock, three plenary discussions, and break-out sessions. The event will conclude with a presentation by Dr. J. Randall Curtis, who will provide a review of the entire summit and describe new scientific directions for the future.

This event is co-sponsored by the NIH Office of Rare Diseases Research, the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health, the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, the NIH Clinical Center Department of Bioethics, and the National Institute on Aging. Portions of this event have also been made possible by the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health, with generous support by Pfizer Inc.

For a complete list of 25th Anniversary events, please visit: www.ninr.nih.gov/25years.

7. NINR IRP Deputy Clinical Director Receives Nursing Research Award

[Dr. Leo Saligan](#), Deputy Clinical Director of NINR's Intramural Research Program, has been honored as the 2011 recipient of the Rear Admiral Faye G. Abdellah Award for Nursing Research.

The award recognizes publications by nurse officers in Department of Health and Human Services or Uniformed Service Corps that stimulate the development of nursing knowledge and practice through scientific investigation and research.

Dr. Saligan's publication, [*Quality of Life in Sarcoidosis: Comparing the Impact of Ocular and Non-ocular Involvement of the Disease*](#), was acknowledged at the 20th Annual Nursing Recognition Day held on May 6 on the NIH campus.

8. Dr. Yvonne Bryan Interviewed by *Minority Nurse Magazine*

Dr. Yvonne Bryan, Special Assistant to the NINR Director, was interviewed by *Minority Nurse* magazine for the article "Breast Cancer: Finding the Roots of Disparities," in the publication's Spring 2011 issue.

The article examined the disparities in breast cancer mortality rates and early detection between white and minority women. Dr. Bryan was quoted regarding the use of community-based participatory research, or CBPR, to increase minority involvement in the design and implementation of studies.

"It really requires a relationship between the community and the academic researcher...to play an active role [together] in the research process from A to Z," Bryan explained. "That means study conceptualization, design, participant recruitment, and retention, analysis, and dissemination."

The article is available online at: <http://www.minoritynurse.com/public-health/breast-cancer-finding-roots-disparities>.

9. NINR Website Wins Two NIH Plain Language and Clear Communication Awards

On May 17, NINR's website was honored with two NIH Plain Language and Clear Communication Awards.

These annual awards underscore the NIH's commitment to the Plain Language initiative, which has its origins in a Federal directive that requires agencies to incorporate plain language elements in the development of communications materials for the public. The NIH Plain Language Award recognizes outstanding NIH communication products including revised websites, fact sheets, multi-media presentations, and other materials.

NINR's homepage "slideshow" and the site's Symptoms Management Research spotlight page (<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/ResearchAndFunding/symptommanagement.htm>) received awards at a ceremony held on the NIH Campus.

10. HHS Announces \$40 Million in Affordable Care Act Funds for Statewide Chronic Disease Prevention Programs

Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the availability of approximately \$40 million to strengthen and better coordinate activities within state and territorial health departments aimed at preventing chronic diseases and promoting health. Created by the Affordable Care Act, this initiative targets the nation's five leading chronic disease-related causes of death and disability: heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes, and arthritis.

The new initiative will support the implementation of public health programs, surveillance of chronic diseases, translation of research into public health practice, and development of tools and resources for health workers and other leaders at the national, state, and community levels.

State and territorial health activities will focus on reducing age-adjusted mortality due to chronic diseases and reducing the prevalence of disabling chronic diseases. In addition, the initiative will aim to improve health and quality of life by promoting environmental and policy changes related to nutrition, physical activity, and clinical preventive services and by promoting education and management skills for people diagnosed with or at high risk for chronic diseases.

"Many chronic diseases share common risk factors, afflict similar population groups the hardest, and can be effectively addressed by the same public health strategies," said Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of HHS' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which oversees the initiative. "That's why it's so important to help state and territorial health departments develop the organizational capacity and management approaches to deal with chronic diseases holistically, not just as separate conditions."

CDC expects to award funds for 3-year coordinated statewide chronic disease programs to all 58 U.S. states and territories, with approximately \$40 million available for the first 12-month budget period.

As a critical requirement, successful grantees will create or update statewide plans that demonstrate coordinated approaches to addressing the leading causes of chronic disease deaths and their associated risk factors, including but not limited to heart disease, cancer, stroke, arthritis, diabetes, nutrition, physical activity, and obesity. Tobacco use, a leading risk factor for

chronic diseases, is not part of the initiative but will continue to be addressed through CDC's other statewide prevention programs.

State and territorial health departments interested in submitting proposals for the Prevention and Public Health Fund Coordinated Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Program can find more information at www.grants.gov. **The application deadline is July 22, 2011.**

11. Current Funding Opportunity Announcements and Notices

All current NINR Funding Opportunity Announcements, including Requests for Applications (RFAs) and Program Announcements (PAs), as well as Notices of interest from NIH, are available on the NINR website at <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/ResearchAndFunding/DEA/OEP/FundingOpportunities/default.htm>.

These items can also be found in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html>.